

ISLANDERS TAKE FIRST GAME 2-1

Mason City Boys Outfit Ties Hopefuls, But Costly Errors Give Locals Two Tallies.

JOHNSON HURLS FULL GAME

Lynn Center Boy Yields Five Hits, But Goes Strong in Pitching—Locals Kill Steals Home.

Rock Island and Mason City are scheduled to meet again this afternoon and tomorrow and Friday afternoon. The games will be called at 3 o'clock each day. Cedar Rapids of the Central association will be in Rock Island for exhibition games Saturday and Sunday.

Louis Kolla's theft of home in the second inning and Bowman's balk, allowing Benson to walk in from third in the third inning, gave Rock Island enough tallies to win, 2 to 1, yesterday in the initial game with Mason City at the local yard.

There was not much glory in the victory for Rock Island, as both tallies were handed them on a platter, while Dan O'Leary's gang earned its only run. The contest was staged on a soggy playing field, which made the fielding and running slow.

Dan O'Leary's athletes played a shaky game in the field, making five errors which figured prominently in the scoring. On the other hand, the Islanders played straight ball in the field, but showed the same weakness at bat, getting only three safe blows off Pitchers Bowman and Fitzpatrick. Bowman was quite wild, passing five batsmen in as many innings.

Frank Johnson, the Lynn Center boy, yielded five hits, but issued only two walks. He showed excellent control and a fast breaking curve. Johnson was especially strong in the pinches. With this on the mind in the eighth inning, he fanned the last batsman.

The feature of the game was Brown's sensational stop of Brausen's hard drive in the fourth inning. Brausen beat the ball to first and was credited with a scratch hit, but Joe Hunter's impossible stop, Freddie Marks acted as arbitrator and like most players, umpires his judgment was a tie off at times.

In the second inning Louis Kolla drew a pass and took second and third on infield errors. He stole home a moment later with the first tally. Richardson dropping the ball as he slid over the rubber.

In the third inning Benson walked and took two bases on an overthrow of first. He rounded when Bowman made a balk.

Mason City's only tally came in the fourth. Brausen scratched an infield hit and was sacrificed to second. He scored on Brown's clean single. The score:

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Edmond, 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Benson, 2b	3	1	0	1	0	0
Berger, ss	3	0	1	2	0	0
Williams, 1b	3	0	1	12	0	0
Rigsby, c	3	0	0	5	0	0
Kolla, if	3	1	1	0	0	0
Erlwein, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Dye, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Johnson, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	2	3	27	10	0

xBatted for Bowman in sixth.

Summary: Two-base hit—Williams. Sacrifice hits—Berger, Erlwein. Berger, Rigsby, Kolla, Erlwein, Dye. Double plays—Johnson to Berger to Williams; Brausen to Jenkins to Deschen. Base on balls—O'Leary, 2. Hit off Bowman 5, off Fitzpatrick 3. Hit by Johnson 3, by Bowman 2. Time of game—1:43. Umpire—Freddie Marks.

HE THINKS HE WILL LICK JOHNNY ERTLE



The Zulu Kid.

Zulu Kid, the fast little newsboy bantamweight of New York, who was knocked out by Frankie Burns a few months ago, has made a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., to recover his best condition and he claims he is now ready to clean up the class. He is especially anxious to meet Keepie Ertle and is so sure he can lick him that he'll make any weight and sign any terms.

1917 OPENING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL

Newark, N. J., April 18.—The oldest minor league in the country, began its 25th season yesterday, with games at Newark, Baltimore, Providence and Richmond. Four of the clubs have new managers. Ben Needham has taken command at Newark. Mike Devlan at Rochester. Jack Egan at Providence, and Larry Lupton at Toronto. Scores: Newark, 3; Baltimore, 1; Providence, 5; Richmond, 2; 10th inning.

Presidents: N. J., Neidhard; Rochester, 4; Richmond, 8; 10th inning.

WESTERN LEAGUE TO OPEN SEASON TODAY

Games Today: Des Moines at St. Joseph; Omaha at Des Moines; St. Joseph at Des Moines; Lincoln at Joplin.

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—Despite the entrance of the United States into the world war, President Frank Zeigler of the Western league, who will start the 1917 season today, predicts a record-breaking season for the eight clubs of the organization. Among the changes in the Western league program this season the shortening of the schedule stands out most prominently. The schedule, which covers faster day, has been shortened to 140 games.

QUINCY MAN BORN IN STATE NOT CITIZEN

Quincy, Ill., April 18.—Max C. Burmeister, a native of the United States, applied for naturalization papers here yesterday. He was born in Nauvoo, Ill., but several years ago moved to Canada, where he took up a homestead, forfeiting his United States citizenship.

GET RECRUITS FOR SERVICE ON FARMS

Philadelphia, April 18.—A "recruiting station for farmers' helpers" was opened here today to enroll the names of men who wish to enlist in President Wilson's "service army." The recruits will be sent to the big grain section of the northwest to assist in planting the spring wheat and corn.

LATE RALLY WINS FOR HOSE; 4 TO 2

Rowland's Men Sew Up Contest at Detroit in Eighth Inning When Two Runs are Pushed Over.

E. COLLINS' TRIPLE TIMELY

Ray Schaak Drives in Final Run With Single in Ninth—Rain Stops Cubs and Cards.

Detroit, Mich., April 18.—Just ahead of a rainstorm yesterday that threatened to curtail the scrap the White Sox twisted a third consecutive knot in the tail of Detroit's Tigers and the score this time was 4 to 2.

Howard Ehmke, a northpaw, gave the Rowlands a lot of trouble for seven innings during which they were able to count only once and that was on a home run by Joe Jackson after two were gone in the sixth. In the same seven innings the Tigers, profiting by Dave Danforth's wildness, scored two runs, one of them on a wild pitch which punctured the mattress in front of the grand stand and let a runner in from second base.

In the eighth and ninth, the Sox got to Ehmke for three runs in which three batters by Leibold and Collins figured prominently. In the making of these tallies Danforth gave way to Murphy who failed to pinch hit anything, so Russell finished the slab job successfully in spite of being hit safely three times in two rounds.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Leibold, cf	5	1	3	0	0	0
Ehmke, ss	3	1	0	4	1	0
B. Collins, 2b	3	0	1	4	0	0
Johnson, 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Felch, cf	4	0	0	4	1	0
Gandall, 1b	4	0	2	0	2	0
Wesover, 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Schaak, 2b	4	0	3	0	0	0
Danforth, p	3	0	1	0	2	0
Russell, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Total	32	4	17	14	0	0

xMurphy batted for Danforth in eighth.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bush, 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Young, 2b	3	0	0	1	7	0
Cobb, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Veatch, 1b	4	0	1	2	0	0
Holman, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, 2b	4	0	0	4	0	0
Wesover, 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ramsey, 1b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Shaw, p	2	0	0	1	0	0
O'Rourke, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	2	3	15	0	0

xSubbed for Ehmke in ninth.

Chicago, April 18.—It is possible that Larry Ehmke will become the first baseman of the Cubs. That was one of the items that popped into the brain of Manager Mitchell of the north alders yesterday afternoon while he was pondering over Cub problems during the rain which prevented the third game of the series against St. Louis.

The first base problem following the accident to Vic Sailer when he broke a leg Sunday afternoon, is the one most serious to Manager Mitchell at the present time. On Monday he sent scout Frank Hunter to the Cubs and the boy filled the place quite acceptably. But just the same he is a youngster having his first experience in the big leagues and Mitchell isn't sure yet that he will handle the job. Besides the Cub pilot hates to take Ehmke from the pitching staff after the splendid showing the boy made in his game against Pittsburgh.

BAT NELSON LOSES TO CHAMPION WELSH

Chicago, April 18.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion pugilist, easily defeated "Balding" Nelson in a 12-round bout at St. Louis last night.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	4	0	1.000
St. Louis	4	2	.667
Cincinnati	4	3	.571
Chicago	3	3	.500
Boston	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
New York	2	5	.286
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333
Brooklyn	0	4	.000

American League	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	5	1	.833
Boston	4	1	.800
Cleveland	3	2	.600
Washington	3	2	.600
St. Louis	2	3	.400
Philadelphia	1	4	.200
Detroit	1	5	.167

American Association	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapolis	7	1	1.000
Kansas City	4	1	.800
Louisville	5	2	.714
Milwaukee	2	1	.667
Minneapolis	2	2	.500
Columbus	2	2	.500
St. Paul	0	4	.000
Toledo	0	7	.000

Results Yesterday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Cincinnati, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.
New York, 8; Brooklyn, 3.
Boston, 5; Philadelphia, 5.
St. Louis at Chicago, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Chicago, 4; Detroit, 2.
St. Louis, 4; Cleveland, 0.
New York, 2; Washington, 1.
Boston, 3; Philadelphia, 1.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Indianapolis, 4; Toledo, 1.
Louisville, 5; Columbus, 4.
No others scheduled.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.
Atlanta, 6; Mobile, 0.
Chattanooga, 2; Birmingham, 1.
New Orleans, 3; Memphis, 1.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.
Salt Lake, 4; San Francisco, 1.
Oakland, 3; Portland, 1.
Vernon, 3; Los Angeles, 1.

DES MOINES FIGHT IS WON BY CAMPONI

(Special to The Argus.)
Des Moines, Iowa, April 18.—Tony Camponi of Rock Island won from Joe Kelly in a 10-round semi-windup here last night. Camponi secured a big lead on points right at the start and maintained it throughout. Camponi showed a superior knowledge of the boxer's game and at no time was he in danger.

In the windup Matty Baldwin and Minor fought 10 rounds to a draw. The last mentioned was one of the best bouts staged here in many months and full of action throughout. Baldwin and Minor have been matched for a bout in the tri-state for sometime in May. The go should draw big there.

M'COURT SETS NEW MARK IN CUE MATCH

Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—Champion Charles M'Court set a new interstate record, and what is believed to be a world's three-cushion mark for 50 points in competition, by defeating Hugh Heat of Toledo, 50 to 17, in 33 innings Monday. M'Court had high run of nine. The best previous mark in the interstate was 37 innings by Charley Ellis.

BILL TO KILL MITT GAME LOST IN VOTE

Albany, N. Y., April 18.—The Davis bill, recommended by Governor Whitman to repeal laws legalizing boxing in New York state, failed of passage in the assembly yesterday. The vote was 74 ayes to 80 nays, thus lacking two affirmative votes on the required constitutional majority. The introducers took steps to have the bill called up again later in the session.

STANDS COLLAPSE; 43 FANS ARE HURT

Columbus, Ohio, April 18.—The collapse of a section of the left field bleachers, injuring 43 persons, 16 of them seriously, cast an early shadow over the Tinker day opening of the American association season. Of this number one is not expected to live, according to reports received from hospitals last night.

The accident occurred just as the Chicago "hoosegators" for Tinker, who arrived yesterday morning on a special train, were giving the home team a rousing cheer during its final batting practice. Governor Cox, Mayor Karl, and Thomas E. Wilson of Chicago, who backed Tinker in the purchase of the club, directed the work of rescue.

Commercial Attaché W. F. Montaron at Lima, Peru, has asked that embassies of American commercial and technical schools be sent to his office.

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ULLEMMEYERS WIN CHASE IN LEAGUE

1916-17 Season of Merchants' Bowling Circuit Comes to Close With Games Last Night.

Final Standing:

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Ullemeyers	30	09	06	.607
Flynn	30	03	07	.594
Haeges	30	00	00	.556
Val Blatz	29	11	08	.430
M. & S.	29	04	05	.479
Home Team	30	23	07	.255

The Ullemeyers clubbing topped the pennant in the Merchants' Bowling league, the 1916-17 schedule closing with the games rolled last night. The Haeges celebrated the windup by winning the championship. The Ullemeyers led the league for several months and had first place clinched several weeks ago. The Flynn Mercantile Ave took second money, with the Haeges in third. Plans are being made for the annual banquet, at which time the prizes offered to the winners will be distributed. The scores:

At Island City Alleys, HAEGES.

Sarofsky	149	132	126	407
Lehnner	188	175	152	515
Lorenz	162	128	137	427
Johnston	191	185	160	536
Strayer	170	191	200	561
Totals	860	884	776	2320

ULLEMMEYERS.

W. Lanaghan	172	164	175	511
L. Wick	152	141	159	452
RHAY	127	197	121	445
Ellis	171	160	182	513
E. Lanaghan	155	149	152	456
Totals	817	801	765	2381

At Gregg's Alleys, FLYNN.

Normoyle	158	155	196	509
Neustil	145	169	142	457
D. Finkelshtein	130	130	212	492
Schafer	177	134	180	491
M. Finkelshtein	145	164	155	464
Totals	774	752	865	2391

VAL BLATZ.

C. Wick	148	174	192	514
E. Melton	173	150	178	501
Melton	121	163	159	443
Miller	181	117	169	467
W. Danielson	128	147	203	478
Totals	751	739	840	2310

At Island City Alleys, M. & S. forfeited three to Home Team.

SHERER IS SOLD TO THE HANNIBAL CLUB

Bloomington, Ill., April 18.—Outfielder Roy Sherer, who recently took second word yesterday he had been sold by Quincy to Hannibal. He expects to retire from the game unless he can play with Bloomington.

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